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NEW AMATEURS WON THE TUE-WED SWISS

TUE-WED SWISS
FINAL RANKING

1	New Amateurs	129.99
2	Flyfalcon	123.56
3	Scorway	118.37
4	Danes	115.49
5	Seligman	109.29
6	Team Bici	106.14
7	Cider	103.49
8	Harris	101.23
9	Black	100.14
10	Fredin	97.4
11	Greenspan	94.87
12	Rippey	91.04
13	Netbridge	90.03
14	Nadel	82.62
15	Pigot	69.97
16	Onstott	66.37

Lo A., Jiang Gu, Yang D., Chechelashvili D., Wang W., Kwok-fai Mak (team Amateurs) won the OCBL TUE-WED Swiss!
They were leading the ranking yesterday and succeeded in keeping their position.
They are followed by Flyfalcon (Wilson A., Van Prooijen R., Verhees L., Gronkvist I., Gronkvist M., Sprinkhuizen T., Mendes De Leon G., Kiljan V., Tijssen L.). and Scorway (Levinson S., Shenkin B., Kvangraven N., Brekka G., Diamond D., Spears B., Saur O., Olsen J.).
We wish to thank all the players who were part of this event!
You can find the list of upcoming OCBL events at page 2.

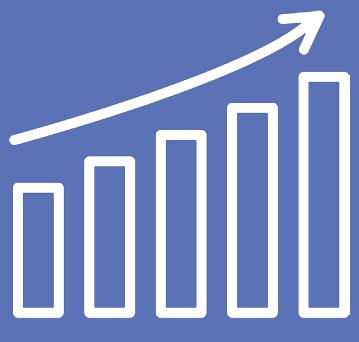
STATISTICS ARE AVAILABLE!

Who are the strongest defenders?

Who should I be more afraid of?

Who are the overall leaders?

Who is the top declarer?



The answers to your questions are here:

https://public.tableau.com/views/OCBL2022TopDeclarersandDefenders/Topdeclarersanddefenders?:language=en-US&publish=yes&:display_count=n&:origin=viz_share_link%3AshowVizHome=no#2

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OCBL
UPCOMING EVENTS

MAY CUP
10 - 13 May, 2022

		CET	EST
Qualification:	Tuesday 10 May	16.00 - 18.00 - 20.00	10.00 - 12.00 - 14.00
3 Rounds x 14 boards	Wednesday 11 May	16.00 - 18.00 - 20.00	10.00 - 12.00 - 14.00
	Thursday 12 May	16.00 - 18.00 - 20.00	10.00 - 12.00 - 14.00
KO:	Friday 13 May	16.00 - 18.30 - 21.00	10.00 - 12.30 - 15.00
3 Rounds x 16 boards			

JUNE CUP
7 - 9 June, 2022

	CET	EST
12 Rounds x 10 boards		
Tuesday, 7 June R1 - R4	16.00 - 17.30 - 19.00 - 20.30	10.00 - 11.30 - 13.00 - 14.30
Wednesday, 8 June R5 - R8	16.00 - 17.30 - 19.00 - 20.30	10.00 - 11.30 - 13.00 - 14.30
Thursday, 9 June R9 - R12 & SF/F	16.00 - 17.30 - 19.00 - 20.30	10.00 - 11.30 - 13.00 - 14.30

MON - TUE SWISS
11 - 12 July, 2022

	CET	EST
10 Rounds x 8 boards		
Monday, 11 July	16.00 - 17.15 - 18.30 - 19.45 - 21.00	10.00 - 11.15 - 12.30 - 13.45 - 15.00
Tuesday, 12 July	16.00 - 17.15 - 18.30 - 19.45 - 21.00	10.00 - 11.15 - 12.30 - 13.45 - 15.00

SEPTEMBER CUP
13 - 16 September, 2022

		CET	EST
Qualification:	Tuesday 13 September	16.00 - 18.00 - 20.00	10.00 - 12.00 - 14.00
3 Rounds x 14 boards	Wednesday 14 September	16.00 - 18.00 - 20.00	10.00 - 12.00 - 14.00
	Thursday 15 September	16.00 - 18.00 - 20.00	10.00 - 12.00 - 14.00
KO:	Friday 16 September	16.00 - 18.30 - 21.00	10.00 - 12.30 - 15.00
3 Rounds x 16 boards			

REGISTRATION IS OPEN!

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Top Table

by Mark Horton

Yesterday I alluded to the fact that the field included a number of players who had taken part in the recent World Championships. I'm not sure how easy it is to switch from a marathon to a sprint, but that is the obvious way to compare the two events!

Going into the final day it was clear that the outcome would be decided by the constant struggle for supremacy at table 1.

Round 6

Board 1. Dealer North. None Vul.

	♠ Q J 10 ♡ 10 7 5 3 ◇ 3 ♣ A Q 9 5 2	
♠ 7 5 ♡ A Q 9 8 4 ◇ K Q 10 9 6 2 ♣ —		♠ 8 4 3 ♡ K ◇ J 8 7 5 4 ♣ 10 8 4 3
	♠ A K 9 6 2 ♡ J 6 2 ◇ A ♣ K J 7 6	

New Amateurs v Flyfalcon

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Sprinkhuizen	*Chechelash.*	*M. de Leon*	*Yang*
—	Pass	Pass	1♠
2♠*	3♠	5◇	Dble
All Pass			

2♠ ♡+◇

South cashed his top spades for -100.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Kwok-Fai	*van Prooijen*	*Wang*	*Wilson*
—	Pass	Pass	1♠
2♠*	4♠	4NT*	Dble
5◇	Dble	All Pass	

2♠ Hearts and a minor
4NT Bid your minor

North led the ♠Q, no swing.

11 pairs played in diamonds, only three of them escaping a double.

Scorway v Fredin

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Andersson	*Shenkin*	*Bennet*	*Levinson*
—	Pass	Pass	1♠
4◇*	4♠	5◇	5♠
Dble	All Pass		

4◇ 55+ ♡+◇

West led the ◇2 and declarer won, drew trumps and claimed 11 tricks, +650.

Five pairs played in spades, and they all took eleven tricks.

I can't decide if it would be reasonable for West to lead the ♡A to take a look at dummy, can you? The appearance of East's king would allow West to continue with the ♡4 allowing the defenders to enjoy a crossruff.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Brekka	*Fredin*	*Saur*	*Gottlieb*
—	Pass	Pass	1♠
2◇	3◇	4◇	4♠
5◇	Pass	Pass	Dble
All Pass			

North led the ♠Q ensuring three tricks for the defence, -100 but an 11 IMP gain.

Board 5. Dealer North. NS Vul.

	♠ 10 3 ♡ 9 ◇ A 8 4 ♣ K Q 10 9 6 5 2	
♠ A K 9 4 ♡ 10 6 2 ◇ 7 6 5 2 ♣ J 7		♠ Q J 7 6 5 2 ♡ A K 3 ◇ J 10 9 ♣ 4
	♠ 8 ♡ Q J 8 7 5 4 ◇ K Q 3 ♣ A 8 3	

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Sprinkhuizen	*Chechelash.*	*M. de Leon*	*Yang*
—	3♣	3♠	4♣
4♠	All Pass		

When North opens 3♣, how good is the South hand? To a certain extent it depends on what you expect from partner for a first in hand preempt at this vulnerability.

The answer is somewhere between 4♣ and 5♣.

When West advanced to 4♠ South gave it some thought before passing.

South led the ♣A and switched to the ♡Q. In due course declarer lost three diamonds, -50.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Kwok-Fai	*van Prooijen*	*Wang*	*Wilson*
—	3♣	3♠	4♣
4♠	5♣	Dble	All Pass

In principle, a hand that has preempted does not bid again, but North knew his partner would be short in spades, and must have a decent hand because of the prevailing colours.

East led the ♡A and when West followed with the ten she switched to the ◇J. Declarer won with the ace, cashed the ♣K, played the ♣10 to dummy's ace, ruffed a heart, crossed to dummy with a diamond and ruffed a heart, claiming an overtrick, +950 and 14 IMPs.

Board 7. Dealer South. All Vul.

	♠ J 7 ♡ A 7 3 ◇ K J 10 5 4 2 ♣ J 7	
♠ A Q 8 4 3 2 ♡ K J 6 ◇ 8 6 ♣ K 9		♠ — ♡ 9 8 5 2 ◇ A Q 9 7 ♣ A 6 4 3 2
	♠ K 10 9 6 5 ♡ Q 10 4 ◇ 3 ♣ Q 10 8 5	

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Sprinkhuizen	*Chechelash.*	*M. de Leon*	*Yang*
—	—	—	Pass
1♠	2◇	Dble*	Pass
2♠	Pass	2NT	Pass
3◇*	Pass	3NT	All Pass

South led the ◇3 for the king and ace and declarer played three rounds of clubs, South winning with the ten as North pitched the ♡7. South switched to the ♠K and declarer took dummy's ace, played a diamond to the queen and a heart for the four, jack and three (better to win, cash a diamond and exit with a spade for two down). Declarer cashed the ♠Q and had he now guessed to exit with the ♡6 he would have made 3NT! When he got off play with a spade the defenders took the remaining tricks for -200 and 16 IMPs.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Kwok-Fai	*van Prooijen*	*Wang*	*Wilson*
—	—	—	Pass
1♠	2◇	Pass	Pass
Dble	All Pass		

East led the ♡5 for the ten, jack and ace and declarer continued with a club for the six, ten and king. East took the club return and played the ♡9 for the queen and king, won the heart continuation and exited with the ♣2, declarer overruffing West's ◇8 with the ten and exiting with the ◇2. East took the seven and got off play with a club. Declarer pitched a spade on dummy's queen, but then had to play a spade. West won with the queen and continued with the ace, ruffed and overruffed and East could play a heart and then collect the ◇AQ for four down, -1100 and 16 IMPs.

Round 7

On Board 2 North held ♠AJ104 ♡Q953 ◇4 ♣AJ107 and saw East open a wide range 2♠ on his left, West jumping to 4♡. Would you be tempted to double?

Board 5. Dealer North. NS Vul.

	♠ 8 6 ♡ 10 8 2 ♢ J 7 4 3 ♣ Q 9 4 2	
♠ A K Q J 9 5 4 3 ♡ 5 ♢ 5 2 ♣ 10 6		♠ — ♡ A Q 7 6 4 ♢ A 9 8 ♣ A K 8 7 5
	♠ 10 7 2 ♡ K J 9 3 ♢ K Q 10 6 ♣ J 3	

Scorway v Black

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Hallberg	*Shenkin*	*Hult*	*Levinson*
—	Pass	1♡	Pass
1♠	Pass	3♣	Pass
5♠	Pass	6♠	All Pass

North led the ♢3, the only lead to ensure that declarer would be held to 12 tricks, +980.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Brekka	*Black*	*Saur*	*D Gold*
—	Pass	1♡	Pass
1♠	Pass	3♣	Pass
3♠	Pass	3NT	Pass
5♠	Pass	6♠	All Pass

North led the ♠6 and declarer drew trumps and played on clubs for an overtrick IMP.

Three pairs reached 7♠, two of them failing when North found the essential diamond lead. At one table the bidding went 1♡-1♠-2NT-3♠-3NT-6NT resulting in a slightly unlucky -350. Luckily it was in one of the matches where 7♠ had been defeated.

On Board 7 North held

♠J86 ♡AQJ10972 ♢Q ♣J8

and after his partner passed he saw West open 2NT, East raising to 3NT. What should he lead? He went with the ♡Q, which gave declarer a ninth trick. This was the full deal:

Board 7. Dealer South. All Vul.

	♠ J 8 6 ♡ A Q J 10 9 7 2 ♢ Q ♣ J 8	
♠ K Q 4 ♡ K 8 ♢ A 7 5 3 ♣ A K Q 10		♠ A 9 3 ♡ 4 3 ♢ 9 8 6 4 2 ♣ 9 7 5
	♠ 10 7 5 2 ♡ 6 5 ♢ K J 10 ♣ 6 4 3 2	

At the other table North overcalled West's 2♣ opening 3♡ and played there, going three down, but gaining 7 IMPs.

14 pairs bid 3NT – only three of them were defeated.

An interesting idea occurred to me – say North leads a spade against 3NT having overcalled 3♡. You win in hand, cash four clubs and two spades ending in dummy and then play a diamond. You are hoping to find North with a singleton ♢K but you also succeed if North started with the singleton ♢Q and South does not find the play of going up with the ♢K!

In the match between Team Bici and Greenspan the bidding went 1♣-(3♡)-Pass-(Pass)-3NT and North led a spade. Fred Schenker played as described and when South did not find the Crocodile Coup of rising with the king of diamonds North had to surrender the game-going trick.

Round 8

Board 1. Dealer North. None Vul.

	♠ 7 6 5 4 ♡ K J 7 4 ♢ — ♣ A Q 10 5 3	
♠ A J 10 9 2 ♡ A 10 8 ♢ 7 5 4 ♣ 6 2		♠ K Q ♡ Q 2 ♢ K Q 9 6 3 2 ♣ K J 7
	♠ 8 3 ♡ 9 6 5 3 ♢ A J 10 8 ♣ 9 8 4	

Scorway v Danes

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Pedersen	*Shenkin*	*Werdelin*	*Levinson*
—	1♣*	1♢	Pass
1♠	Pass	1NT	All Pass

1♣ 2+♣

Almost everyone elected to overcall 1NT with East's cards, only two pairs failing to reach the 3NT contract that could not be defeated.

South led the ♡6 and North won with the king and switched to the ♣5, declarer winning with the jack and cashing five spades before playing a diamond to the king and ace. South won and returned the ♢J and declarer won with the king. By this stage North was down to ♡J74 ♣A so declarer could have secured two more tricks in various ways, the simplest being to cash the ♡Q and then exit with the ♣K, using North as a stepping-stone to the ♡A. Declarer elected to overtake the ♡Q with dummy's ace, so North took the rest, +120.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Brekka	*Nielsen*	*Kvangraven*	*Boesgaaard*
—	Pass	2♢*	Pass
2♠*	Pass	2NT*	Pass
3♡*	Pass	3♠*	Pass
3NT	All Pass		

2♢ 17-19 balanced
2♠ Transfer to 2NT
3♡ Spades

North took South's lead of the ♡6 with the king and returned the four to declarer's queen. The ♢K lost to the ace and South played the ♡5 to dummy's ace, North unblocking the jack. Declarer cashed five spades and played a club, North taking the ace and playing a heart. South won but had to surrender the last two tricks to the ♢Q and ♣K, +400 and 7 IMPs

Board 5. Dealer North. NS Vul.

	♠ Q J 10 ♡ 10 7 4 ♢ K 9 7 3 ♣ J 10 2	
♠ K 7 4 ♡ J 8 3 2 ♢ J 4 ♣ 9 7 6 4		♠ A 8 5 ♡ 9 6 ♢ A 10 8 2 ♣ K Q 5 3
	♠ 9 6 3 2 ♡ A K Q 5 ♢ Q 6 4 ♣ A 8	

Scorway v Danes

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Pedersen	*Shenkin*	*Werdelin*	*Levinson*
—	Pass	1NT*	2♣*
Pass	2♢*	Pass	2NT
All Pass			

1NT 12-14
2♣ Majors
2♢ Bid your longer major

West led the ♣6 and declarer played dummy's two, took East's queen with the ace and played a spade for the ten and ace. East played two rounds of clubs and having won with dummy's jack declarer played spades, West winning the third round, cashing the ♣9 and exiting with the ♢J. By this stage declarer had discarded the ♢56 and East alertly went up with the ♢A and returned a heart, West securing the setting trick with the ♡J, -100.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Brekka	*Nielsen*	*Kvangraven*	*Boesgaaard*
—	Pass	1NT*	Dble
All Pass			

1NT 11-13

South led the ♡A and when North followed with the ten he switched to the ♠6 declarer going up with dummy's king, North following with the queen, and playing the ♣7 for the two, king and ace.

Declarer won the spade continuation, cashed the ♣Q and played the ♡9, South winning with the queen and playing a spade. North won with the jack and played a diamond and South won with the queen as declarer unblocked dummy's jack. At this point the best defence is for South to return a diamond. Declarer will be able to score two tricks in the suit, but must then surrender the remainder. In practice South cashed the ♠9 and North discarded the ♢K! South's ♡K meant one down, -100 and only a 5 IMP gain.

Board 6. Dealer East. EW Vul.

	♠ K Q J 5 ♡ A J 3 ♢ 9 8 7 2 ♣ J 7	
♠ 9 7 3 2 ♡ Q 7 6 5 ♢ A K 10 ♣ Q 10		♠ A 10 6 ♡ 4 2 ♢ Q 5 3 ♣ A K 9 3 2
	♠ 8 4 ♡ K 10 9 8 ♢ J 6 4 ♣ 8 6 5 4	

Scorway v Danes

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Pedersen	*Shenkin*	*Werdelin*	*Levinson*
—	—	1NT*	Pass
2♣*	Pass	2♢*	Pass
2NT*	Pass	3NT	All Pass

1NT 12-14
2♣ Revised Puppet Stayman
2♢ Not 5♡/♠
2NT 4♡+4♠ invitational

South led the ♣6 and declarer took the first nine tricks, +600.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Brekka	*Nielsen*	*Kvangraven*	*Boesgaaard*
—	—	1♣*	Pass
1♢*	1♠	Pass	Pass
Dble	Pass	2NT	Pass
3NT	All Pass		

1♣ 2+♣
1♢ Hearts

South led the ♠8 and declarer took North's jack with the ace and played a club to the ten. North won with the jack and returned the seven to dummy's queen. Declarer decided to go quietly, cashing his minor suit winners for eight tricks, -100 and 12 IMPs.

Declarer knew that North had spade length so it was possible that South might have length in clubs. Was that enough to go against the odds line of cashing the ♣AKQ?

Of the 12 declarers who reached 3NT, four went down.

Board 7. Dealer South. All Vul.

♠ K J 9 6 5
♡ 9 8 6
♢ K 5 2
♣ A 9

♠ A 4 3 2
♡ A 10 4 2
♢ 10 8 4
♣ 10 2

♠ Q 10 8
♡ K J 7 5 3
♢ 6
♣ K Q 6 5

♠ 7
♡ Q
♢ A Q J 9 7 3
♣ J 8 7 4 3

Scorway v Danes

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Pedersen	*Shenkin*	*Werdelin*	*Levinson*
—	—	—	1♢
Pass	1♠	Dble	2♣
2♡	3♢	3♡	5♢
Dble	All Pass		

West led the ♢4 and declarer won with the seven and played two rounds of clubs, East winning with the queen and switching to the ♡5. West took the ace and returned the ♢8. Declarer won with the nine and played the ♠7 but West went up with the ace and exited with the ♡2. Declarer ruffed, ruffed a club and pitched a club on the ♠K but there was still a club loser, so -500.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Brekka	*Nielsen*	*Kvangraven*	*Boesgaaard*
—	—	—	Pass
Pass	1♠	Pass	2♢
Pass	Pass	2♡	3♢
3♡	All Pass		

South led the ♠7 and declarer took dummy's ace, played a heart to the king, went back to dummy with the ♡A and played the ♣2, winning with the king when North followed with the nine. A second club saw North win with the ace and cash the pointed kings, declarer taking the rest, +170 but an 8 IMP loss.

Two pairs were allowed to play in 4♡, while six bid 5♢.

Round 9

Round 9 was not the stuff that bridge reports are made of, at least at the top tables. The scores in the first two matches were 10-4 and 10-2.

Board 1. Dealer North. None Vul.

♠ 8 6 5 4
♡ Q 7 4
♢ 5 3
♣ K Q J 9

♠ K 3
♡ A J 9 7
♢ Q J 9 8
♣ 7 4 2

♠ A J 7 2
♡ 5 3
♢ A 6 2
♣ A 8 5 3

♠ Q 10 9
♡ K 10 8 2
♢ K 10 7 4
♣ 10 6

Flyfalcon v Danes

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Tijssen	*Nielsen*	*Kiljan*	*Boesgaard*
—	Pass	1♣*	Pass
1♡	Pass	1NT	Pass
3NT	All Pass		

1♣ 2+♣, 5♢+2♣ possible

South led the ♠9 and declarer won with the jack as North followed with the eight. A diamond to the jack was followed by two more rounds of the suit, South winning with the king and continuing with the ♠10 to dummy's king. Declarer played a club, ducking when North put up the king, won the spade switch and cashed the ♠7. A heart for the eight, nine and queen set up the possibility of an overtrick, but declarer was happy to score nine tricks, +400.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Pedersen	*van Prooijen*	*Werdelin*	*Wilson*
—	Pass	1NT*	Pass
2♣*	Dble	Pass*	Pass
2♠*	Pass	3NT	All Pass

1NT 12-14
2♣ Revised Puppet Stayman
Pass Not 5♡/♠
2♠ 4♡

Thomas Paske

Luc Tijssen

South led the ♣10 and North overtook it with the jack and continued with the king. Declarer won, played a spade to the king and ran the ♢J, South winning and exiting with the ♡2. Declarer took dummy's ace and cashed his diamonds before playing a spade to the jack and queen, finishing two down, -100 and an 11 IMP swing.

Board 6. Dealer East EW Vul.

♠ K J 7
♡ K 9
♢ K J 10 9 6
♣ 5 4 2

♠ 9 6 4 3 2
♡ A 10 7 2
♢ 4 3
♣ 9 8

♠ A Q 8
♡ J 6 5
♢ 8 7 2
♣ K J 10 3

♠ 10 5
♡ Q 8 4 3
♢ A Q 5
♣ A Q 7 6

Flyfalcon v Danes

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Tijssen	*Nielsen*	*Kiljan*	*Boesgaard*
—	—	Pass	1♣
Pass	1♢	Pass	1♡
Pass	3NT	All Pass	

East found the devastating lead of the ♣J and declarer won with dummy's queen and ran the ♠10, East winning with the queen and returning the ♣3. Declarer took dummy's ace and played a heart to the king followed by five rounds of diamonds. That got him up to eight tricks, but the defenders took the rest, -50.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Pedersen	*van Prooijen*	*Werdelin*	*Wilson*
—	—	Pass	1♣
Pass	2♡*	Pass	3NT
All Pass			

2♡ Balanced invitation

West led the ♠2 and East won with the queen. Had he continued spades declarer would have been doomed, but he switched to the ♣10 and declarer won with the queen, played a heart to the king, a diamond to the ace and the ♠10, establishing a ninth trick, +400 and 10 IMPs.

These 3NT twins catapulted Flyfalcon into second place – they would face off against New Amateurs in a match that would almost certainly determine the tournament winners.

Round 10

Board 3. Dealer South. EW Vul.

	♠ Q 10 6 5 ♡ K 10 ♢ K J 6 4 ♣ A 8 3	
♠ 8 7 2 ♡ A Q J 9 2 ♢ — ♣ J 7 6 4 2		♠ A K 9 4 ♡ 8 6 4 3 ♢ A 9 7 ♣ Q 10
	♠ J 3 ♡ 7 5 ♢ Q 10 8 5 3 2 ♣ K 9 5	

New Amateurs v Flyfalcon

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Verhees	*Gu*	*Kiljan*	*Lo*
—	—	—	3♢
3♡	3NT	4♡	Pass
Pass	4NT	Dble	Pass
Pass	5♢	Dble	All Pass

The defenders scored a heart, two spades and a diamond for -300.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Yang	*van Prooijen*	*Chechelashvili*	*Wilson*
—	—	—	2♢
Pass	4♢	Pass	Pass
4♡	All Pass		

Don't you just love West's delayed entry into the auction!

North led the ♢6 and declarer discarded a spade on dummy's ace and played a heart to the ace followed by the queen, claiming ten tricks, +620 and 8 IMPs.

Flyfalcon hit back with a 7 IMP pick up, but New Amateurs quickly recovered those.

Board 7. Dealer South. All Vul.

	♠ Q 7 3 ♡ 2 ♢ Q ♣ A K Q 8 7 5 4 3	
♠ 4 ♡ Q 10 9 ♢ J 10 8 7 4 ♣ 9 6		♠ A J 9 8 ♡ A 8 7 4 3 ♢ A K 9 ♣ J
	♠ K 10 6 5 2 ♡ K J 6 5 ♢ 6 5 ♣ 10 2	

New Amateurs v Flyfalcon

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Verhees	*Gu*	*Kiljan*	*Lo*
—	—	—	Pass
Pass	1♣	1♡	1♠*
2♡	4♠	Dble	All Pass

West led the ♡10 and East took the ace, cashed the ♢K and exited with the ♣J. Declarer won with dummy's ace and played a spade for the eight and ten, ruffed a diamond and got off play with the ♠Q. East won and played the ♢A, but declarer ruffed and played two rounds of spades, claiming the rest, -200.

Easy see afterwards that East needed to switch back to hearts to ensure a two-trick penalty.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Yang	*van Prooijen*	*Chechelash.*	*Wilson*
—	—	—	Pass
Pass	1♣	1♡	1♠
Pass	2♡*	Pass	2NT
Pass	3NT	All Pass	

West led the ♡10 and East took the ace, cashed the ♢AK (West dropping the jack) took the ♠A and then played a diamond which left declarer with four tricks, -500 and a 7 IMP loss.

Board 8. Dealer West. None Vul.

	♠ 10 8 ♡ J 10 ♢ Q 6 5 4 ♣ Q 9 7 6 5	
♠ A 9 7 5 2 ♡ A 6 5 2 ♢ — ♣ A K J 2		♠ K Q 6 ♡ 8 7 4 3 ♢ J 10 9 8 ♣ 8 3
	♠ J 4 3 ♡ K Q 9 ♢ A K 7 3 2 ♣ 10 4	

New Amateurs v Flyfalcon

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Verhees	*Gu*	*Kiljan*	*Lo*
1♠	Pass	2♠	Pass
3♡*	Pass	3♠	Pass
4♠	All Pass		

3♡ Natural, invitational+

North led the ♣5 and declarer won with the jack, played a spade to the king and ducked a heart, South winning with the queen and switching to the ♢K. Declarer ruffed, played a spade to the queen, a club to the ace and ruffed a club. South could overruff, but there was only a heart to lose, +420.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Yang	*van Prooijen*	*Chechelashvili*	*Wilson*
1♠	Pass	2♠	Dble
4♠	All Pass		

North led the ♡J and played a spade to dummy's king followed by a club to the jack and queen. North returned a heart and South won and switched to the ♢A. Declarer ruffed and tried to cash the top clubs, but South ruffed and cashed the ♡K for -50 and 10 IMPs.

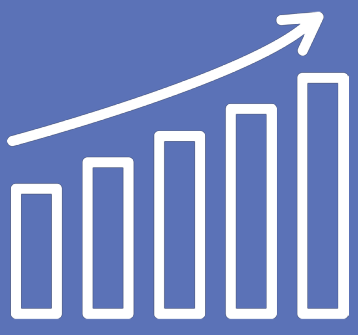
Given South's double that was a little unlucky, but if declarer simply plays to ruff two clubs in dummy he will come to ten tricks, even if South scores an overruff!

It was not enough for Flyflacon, who had to bow the knee to the worthy winners, New Amateurs.

STATISTICS ARE AVAILABLE!

Who are the strongest defenders?

Who are the overall leaders?



Who should I be more afraid of?

Who is the top declarer?

The answers to your questions are here:

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Bridge NEWS

On Thursday 24 and Friday 25 March, the NukkAI challenge was held in Paris.

A team made up of eight world champions have challenged the NukkAI software:
Brad Moss, Thomas Bessis, Sabine Auken, Bénédicte Cronier, Mikael Rimstedt, Roy Welland, Anna Gulevich and Nevena Senior.

Each human played 100 deals, all deals were different so there was no competition between humans - 8 segments of 10 deals each (Nukk played 800 deals)

- This challenge was about cardplay as declarer.
- Contract was always 3NT and bidding sequence awas always 1NT - 2NT - 3NT (to maximize the number of difficult deals)
- Score: 10 points if contract was won, +1 for each overtrick, and -1 for each undertrick. This is IMP without the vulnerability effect
- Defense was played by WB5 (best free bot) that is deterministic, i.e., it will produce the same defense when the sequence of cards is identical

French startup NukkAI announced the news of its AI's victory on Friday, at the end of a two-day tournament in Paris.

NukkAI won the challenge versus humans, but the field of action was quite limited (since the contract was always the same for all deals).

Anyway, this "represents a fundamentally important advance in the state of artificial intelligence systems" as stated by Stephen Muggleton, a professor of machine learning at Imperial College London.

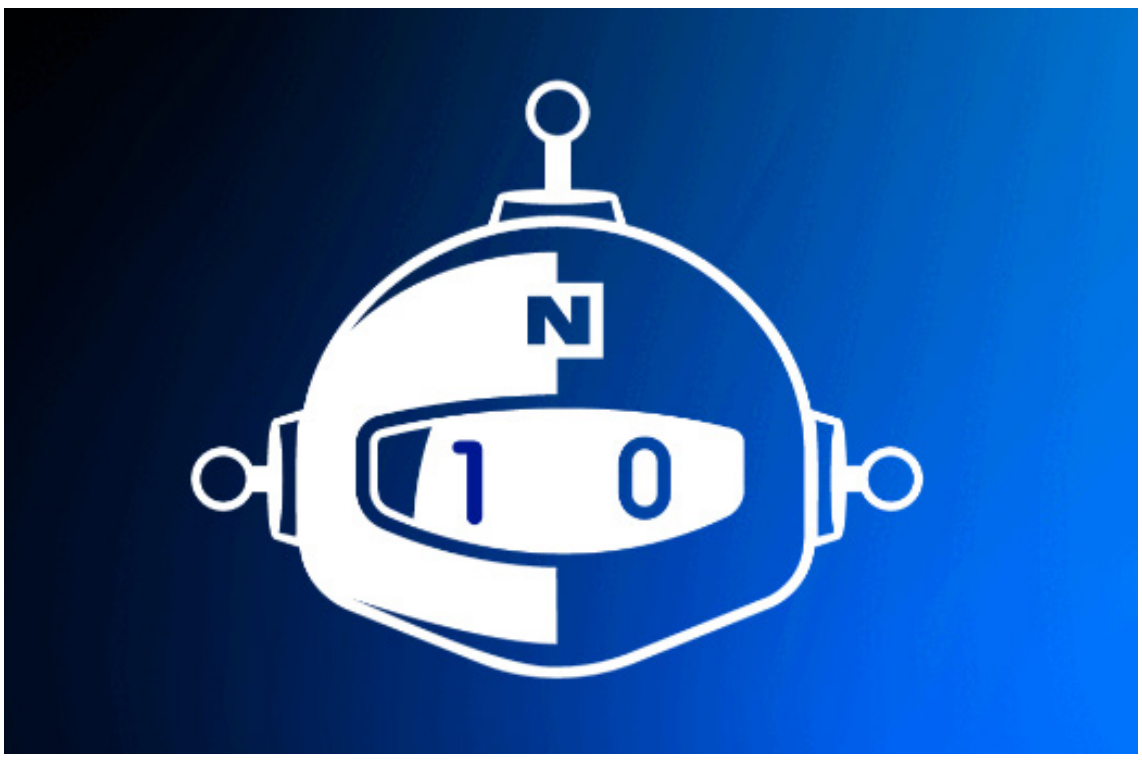
Other AI triumphs, as listed by the Guardian:

1996: IBM's Deep Blue chess machine wins a game against world chess champion Garry Kasparov but loses the match 2-4. A year later, Kasparov loses the rematch.

2007: Checkers is solved by researchers at the University of Alberta in Canada. After sifting through 500bn positions, they build a checkers-playing computer programme that can't be beaten.

2011: IBM's Watson computer defeats TV gameshow Jeopardy! champions Brad Rutter and Ken Jennings, claiming the $1m first prize.

2016: Google DeepMind's AlphaGo defeats Korean Go champion Lee Sedol 4-1. The Korea Baduk Association awards AlphaGo the highest Go grandmaster rank, an honorary 9 dan.



OCBL TUE-WED SWISS

ROUND 6

New Amateurs	13.45 VPs 24 IMPs	6.55 VPs 15 IMPs	Flyfalcon
Scorway	18.97 VPs 46 IMPs	1.03 VPs 12 IMPs	Fredin
Seligman	14.09 VPs 24 IMPs	5.91 VPs 13 IMPs	Nadel
Danes	20 VPs 47 IMPs	0 VPs 1 IMPs	Cider
Black	20 VPs 50 IMPs	0 VPs 6 IMPs	Harris
Rippey	9.14 VPs 19 IMPs	10.86 VPs 21 IMPs	Team Bici
Greenspan	5.91 VPs 15 IMPs	14.09 VPs 26 IMPs	Netbridge
Pigot	13.45 VPs 25 IMPs	6.55 VPs 16 IMPs	Onstott

ROUND 7

New Amateurs	9.14 VPs 11 IMPs	10.86 VPs 13 IMPs	Danes
Scorway	14.68 VPs 16 IMPs	5.32 VPs 3 IMPs	Black
Seligman	1.79 VPs 2 IMPs	18.21 VPs 31 IMPs	Flyfalcon
Nadel	4.25 VPs 5 IMPs	15.75 VPs 22 IMPs	Rippey
Fredin	5.61 VPs 4 IMPs	14.39 VPs 16 IMPs	Cider
Team Bici	15.23 VPs 15 IMPs	4.77 VPs 0 IMPs	Greenspan
Harris	17.11 VPs 25 IMPs	2.89 VPs 2 IMPs	Onstott
Pigot	6.22 VPs 4 IMPs	13.78 VPs 14 IMPs	Netbridge

ROUND 8

Scorway	3.77 VPs 8 IMPs	16.23 VPs 27 IMPs	Danes
New Amateurs	9.14 VPs 12 IMPs	10.86 VPs 14 IMPs	Seligman
Flyfalcon	15.75 VPs 22 IMPs	4.25 VPs 5 IMPs	Rippey
Black	6.55 VPs 5 IMPs	13.45 VPs 14 IMPs	Team Bici
Harris	7.95 VPs 7 IMPs	12.05 VPs 12 IMPs	Cider
Nadel	5.91 VPs 11 IMPs	14.09 VPs 22 IMPs	Greenspan
Fredin	13.12 VPs 29 IMPs	6.88 VPs 21 IMPs	Pigot
Netbridge	13.78 VPs 21 IMPs	6.22 VPs 11 IMPs	Onstott

ROUND 9

New Amateurs	12.42 VPs 10 IMPs	7.58 VPs 4 IMPs	Cider
Scorway	6.88 VPs 2 IMPs	13.12 VPs 10 IMPs	Team Bici
Danes	3.32 VPs 11 IMPs	16.68 VPs 32 IMPs	Flyfalcon
Black	5.04 VPs 0 IMPs	14.96 VPs 14 IMPs	Seligman
Harris	14.68 VPs 18 IMPs	5.32 VPs 5 IMPs	Netbridge
Fredin	9.56 VPs 17 IMPs	10.44 VPs 18 IMPs	Greenspan
Rippey	12.05 VPs 22 IMPs	7.95 VPs 17 IMPs	Pigot
Nadel	5.32 VPs 6 IMPs	14.68 VPs 19 IMPs	Onstott

ROUND 10

New Amateurs	11.67 VPs 23 IMPs	8.33 VPs 19 IMPs	Flyfalcon
Scorway	8.33 VPs 1 IMPs	11.67 VPs 5 IMPs	Danes
Seligman	11.27 VPs 21 IMPs	8.73 VPs 18 IMPs	Team Bici
Harris	9.14 VPs 20 IMPs	10.86 VPs 22 IMPs	Black
Rippey	3.1 VPs 8 IMPs	16.9 VPs 30 IMPs	Cider
Fredin	11.27 VPs 19 IMPs	8.73 VPs 16 IMPs	Netbridge
Greenspan	14.96 VPs 23 IMPs	5.04 VPs 9 IMPs	Nadel
Pigot	0.15 VPs 13 IMPs	19.85 VPs 54 IMPs	Onstott

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BUTLER RANKING

1	Q. Robert, (ptit)	Cider	2.17	24
2	Mak Kwok-fai, (Kfmak)	New Amateurs	1.72	32
	W. Wang, (rosewwf)	New Amateurs	1.72	32
4	K. Kranyak, (kranko2013)	Greenspan	1.5	8
5	M. Gold, (marusab)	Harris	0.98	40
	T. Tiholov, (polborta)	Harris	0.98	40
7	D. Yang, (hyang)	New Amateurs	0.97	64
	D. Chechelashvili, (Dato)	New Amateurs	0.97	64
9	S. Gross, (sgross)	Harris	0.88	24
10	A. Apteker, (alonap)	Fredin	0.79	24
	O. Saur, (Saurdino)	Scorway	0.79	48
12	H. Ostergaard, (honning18)	Fredin	0.75	16
	L. Tijssen, (luctijs)	Flyfalcon	0.75	32
14	M. Creager, (mjcreager)	Greenspan	0.72	32
15	M. Van der Starre, (martin001)	Netbridge	0.69	48
	M. Huber, (marijnhu)	Netbridge	0.69	48
17	A. Wilson, (flyfalcon)	Flyfalcon	0.67	64
	R. Van Prooijen, (riccovp)	Flyfalcon	0.67	64
19	T. Sprinkhuizen, (thibos)	Flyfalcon	0.66	32
	M. Norris, (meretev)	Danes	0.66	32
	J. Norris, (pumpumpum)	Danes	0.66	32
	G. Mendes de Leon, (guymdl)	Flyfalcon	0.66	32
23	A. Gandoglia, (gandalf15)	Team Bici	0.65	48
24	A. McIntosh, (mcintosh)	Black	0.61	56
	T. Paske, (thomas1000)	Black	0.61	56
26	G. Brekka, (kaninen)	Scorway	0.59	80
27	A. Majcher, (Arkadisz)	Rippey	0.58	24
28	L. Fruscoloni, (frusco)	Team Bici	0.56	16
29	S. Levinson, (sc0tsteve)	Scorway	0.55	64
	B. Shenkin, (Barnets)	Scorway	0.55	64
31	W. Starkowski, (wstarkowsk)	Seligman	0.51	80
	T. Bessis, (malpaluche)	Cider	0.51	80
	C. Lorenzini, (pierced)	Cider	0.51	80
	M. Kwiecien, (michal1)	Seligman	0.51	80
35	V. Kiljan, (Vkill)	Flyfalcon	0.5	32
	M. Zomer, (mczo)	Netbridge	0.5	16
37	H. Nielsen, (HC_DK)	Danes	0.45	80
	K. Boesgaard, (kaab_5)	Danes	0.45	80
39	K. Nowak, (kamiln)	Rippey	0.44	32
40	Tim van den Bos, (Timvdb)	Nadel	0.38	16
	G. Donati, (Giova007)	Team Bici	0.38	48
	J. Bacon, (breach21)	Greenspan	0.38	80
43	G. Percario, (giacomopr)	Team Bici	0.36	56
44	S. Lauge Pedersen, (sigurdlp)	Danes	0.31	48
	S. Werdelin, (stigw)	Danes	0.31	48
46	P. Fredin, (P_Fredin)	Fredin	0.29	80
47	L. Verhees, (loukie)	Flyfalcon	0.22	32
48	S. Root, (AsNuttyAs)	Harris	0.18	40
49	J. Morgan, (Jpmnbr)	Onstott	0.16	80
50	M. Seligman, (mseligman)	Seligman	0.14	80
	J. Pszczola, (pikolo)	Seligman	0.14	80
52	H. Parker, (tiger bait)	Onstott	0.13	80
53	A. Snellers, (asnellers)	Nadel	0.08	24
54	M. Rippey, (radiators)	Rippey	0.04	56
55	G. Hallberg, (rerack)	Black	0.02	48
	S. Hult, (hultahult)	Black	0.02	48
57	Gu Jiang, (Jiang_Gu)	New Amateurs	0	64
	N. Kvangraven, (Nils123)	Scorway	0	48
	M. Gronkvist, (Mike_G)	Flyfalcon	0	8
	A. Lo, (aitail)	New Amateurs	0	64
61	P. Marcinowski, (Dyplomata)	Rippey	-0.09	56
62	S. Ma, (suelanma)	Greenspan	-0.13	40
63	A. Black, (boggis)	Black	-0.16	56
	D. Gold, (dagold)	Black	-0.16	56
65	F. Schenker, (jbcoyle)	Greenspan	-0.2	80
	G. Gottlieb, (Garybrook)	Fredin	-0.2	40
	B. Greenspan, (BernieG)	Greenspan	-0.2	80
68	J. Becklen, (Janb)	Fredin	-0.2	64
69	J. Van Lankveld, (ennaji)	Nadel	-0.23	80
70	P. Pigot, (ppiglett)	Pigot	-0.27	64
71	L. Cima, (100dog)	Team Bici	-0.28	80
72	W. De Boer, (bukkum)	Nadel	-0.35	40
73	P. Franceschetti, (gewd)	Cider	-0.36	80
74	I. Gronkvist, (Halko)	Flyfalcon	-0.38	24
	C. Coyne, (ciaran)	Pigot	-0.38	72
76	E. Bianchi, (inter2018)	Team Bici	-0.39	72
77	P. Wiankowski, (vifon_e)	Rippey	-0.42	72
78	J. Benett, (jbennet)	Fredin	-0.45	80
79	P. Nawrocki, (nawrot)	Rippey	-0.46	80
80	J. Nadel, (juliejoy)	Nadel	-0.53	40
81	B. Van Den Bos, (Berendbs)	Nadel	-0.56	80
	J. Olsen, (Janaolsen)	Scorway	-0.56	16
83	J. Onstott, (dogger)	Onstott	-0.59	32
84	V. Isporski, (smileyv)	Harris	-0.6	40
	R. Trendafilov, (rumen)	Harris	-0.6	40
86	K. Bouwen, (kebosporto)	Netbridge	-0.63	48
	D. MacAonghusa, (donalmac)	Pigot	-0.63	24
88	M. Been, (bendezz)	Netbridge	-0.78	32
	O. de Haas, (olliebol)	Netbridge	-0.78	32
90	D. Walsh, (dodge31)	Pigot	-0.88	40
	N. Igoe, (ibraves)	Harris	-0.88	16
92	B. O'Brien, (bjoboru)	Pigot	-0.94	48
93	J. Jansma, (jan_jansma)	Nadel	-1	16
94	R. Roeder, (rickrock)	Onstott	-1.08	64
95	Tom Drijver, (tdrijverrr)	Netbridge	-1.19	32
96	K. de Raeymaeker, (ewion)	Pigot	-1.3	40
97	J. Van Den Hoek, (janonline)	Netbridge	-1.41	32
	A. Bremer, (arisbreem)	Netbridge	-1.41	32
99	T. Andersson, (skalman)	Fredin	-1.44	16
100	H. Setton, (Ldase)	Cider	-1.45	56
101	J. Harris, (Jdache)	Harris	-1.6	40
	E. Malhasyan, (master DJ)	Harris	-1.6	40
103	M. Busby, (flying8)	Onstott	-2.08	48
104	D. O'Gorman, (derekog6)	Pigot	-2.22	32
105	Rob van den Bergh, (rvdb)	Nadel	-2.25	24
106	T. Turgeon, (Ticket man)	Onstott	-3.31	16

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Wednesday 11 May	16.00 - 18.00 - 20.00	10.00 - 12.00 - 14.00
Thursday 12 May	16.00 - 18.00 - 20.00	10.00 - 12.00 - 14.00

KOs:

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